(iv) Officers fresh from the College are not generally given independent charge of surgical and ophthalmic work before they pick up some practical training. They are posted to work in the General Hospital, Ernakulam and Civil Hospital, Trichur, before they are put in independent charge of mofussil hospitals and dispensaries.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is it a fact that no Assistant Surgeon is put in charge of any hospital before he is given some training in ophthalmic and surgical works ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Invariably Assistant Surgeons in independent charge of hospitals are sent to the Civil Hospital, Trichur, and the Ernakulam General Hospital before they are given independent charge.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—And they generally work in the out-patient department there?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is not always so. There may be one or two instances.

Trichur Water Works.

4. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the amount spent so far for the Trichur Water Works;

(b) what is the maximum quantity of water that could be pumped out every day from the two existing wells there ;

(c) what is the average quantity of water that is daily pumped out from those wells now ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Rs. 50,840—6—6 up to the end of Edavam 1106.

(b) At the rate of about 5,000 gallons per hour.

(c) During Medam 1106 a supply of 45,000 gallons per day was made during days of maximum consumption. The supply to the town during the hot season was about 30,000 gallons a day. During the monsoon months about 20,000 gallons is being pumped daily.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know how many hydrants have they put up so far in Trichur ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Seventeen.

Hydro-Electric Scheme.

5. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) at what stage does the Hydro-Electric Scheme now stand;

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(2) have they finally decided to work up that scheme;
(3) what is the approximate cost of the same;
(4) how they propose to find the necessary funds for same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The scheme prepared by the Chief Engineer has been forwarded to Messrs. Rendell Palmer and Tritton, Consulting Engineers, for opinion.

(2) The opinion of the Consulting Engineers is awaited, before launching on the scheme.

(3) The approximate cost will be Rs. 43 lakhs.

(4) The Government have not come to a decision on the question.

Applications for Council Secretaryship.

6. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether applications for the post of the Secretary to the Legislative Council were invited before the vacancy to that post was filled up;

(2) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether anybody else applied for it; and if so, their names?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) No; because there was no necessity for it.

(2) Mr. A. Narayana Menon and Mr. N. Raman Nambudiripad had applied.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Why is it that they did not find any necessity for inviting any applications?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In the case of such important appointments it has been the experience of the Government that even without formally inviting the applications the necessary number of applications will generally come.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I take it that the Government does not mean to invite applications in the case of important appointments?

Rama Varmha Tampran.—Even without inviting applications there have been any number of applications.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is that the policy of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not a policy. It is a matter of routine and practice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Were the qualifications of the applicants considered before the appointment was made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

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